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SUBJECT: INQUIRY FROM AUSTRALIAN MISSION ON VIETNAMESE

ADOPTION PROGRAM

1. TRANSMITTED BELOW IS TELEGRAM RECEIVED BY AUSTRALIAN MISSION REQUESTING INFORMATION ON NEWS REPORTS THAT ICRC SPOKESMAN STATED "THE WAY VIETNAMESE CHILDREN ARE BEING ADOPTED IN OTHER COUNTRIES APPEARED TO CONTRAVENE GENEVA CONVENTION." AUSTRALIANS HAVE ASKED IF WE COULD PROVIDE ANY INFORMATION INCLUDING OUR INTERPRETATION OF GENEVA CONVENTIONS THIS SUBJECT. WOULD APPRECIATE GUIDANCE.

QUOTE VIET NAM ORPHANS

GLAD ANY FURTHER INFORMATION ON THE FOLLOWING REPORT CARRIED BY AAP AND ABC THIS MORNING:

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE ICRC HAS SAID THE WAY VIETNAMESE CHILDREN ARE BEING ADOPTED IN OTHER COUNTRIES APPEARED TO CONTRAVENE THE GENEVA CONVENTION CODE COVERING THE PROTECTION OF CIVILIAN POPULATION. ACCORDING TO THE  
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SPOKESMAN THE CONVENTION ALLOWED TEMPORARY HOMES TO BE

PROVIDED FOR WAY CHILDREN BUT FORBADE 'FORMAL ADOPTION  
SUCH AS WAS BEING PRACTICED IN RELATION TO THE VIETNAMESE  
CHILDREN'. UNQUOTE  
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